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With regards to Raised Bill No. 6633

Rather than continue to a patchwork approach to Affordable Housing, this letter is a recommendation that 8-30g be discarded and a serious initiative be undertaken to write new legislation based on input from the town governments. 8-30g is seriously flawed for the following reasons

- The legislation has been in existence since 1989 and little progress has been made.
- The law bypasses the governments and authorities.
- Historic neighborhoods, wetlands and architecture are ignored in the name of affordable housing.
- The current one size fits all approach (i.e. the ten percent of housing) is simplistic and ineffective.
- Mathematically, adding more affording housing reduces the percent of affordable housing in a community and makes it virtually impossible to reach the stated ten percent.

For these reasons, it time for the Housing Committee to wipe the slate clean and develop sensible legislation that addresses the housing needs of our citizens, reflects the individually of our communities and respects the basis of self rule by local governments.

Sincerely,

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